



Please amend claims 50, 51, and 56 as follows:

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50. (Amended) A compound according to claim ~~31~~~~[49]~~ wherein:
 R₁ is chosen from hydrogen, lower alkyl, substituted lower alkyl, benzyl, substituted benzyl, phenyl, naphthyl and substituted phenyl;
 R₂ is chosen from hydrogen, lower alkyl and substituted lower alkyl and R₂' is hydrogen; and
 R₄ is chosen from lower alkyl, cyclohexyl; phenyl substituted with hydroxy, lower alkoxy or lower alkyl; benzyl; heteroarylmethyl; heteroarylethyl; heteroarylpropyl and R₁₆-alkylene, wherein R₁₆ is di(lower alkyl)amino, (lower alkyl)amino, amino, lower alkoxy, or N-heterocyclyl.

51. (Amended) A compound according to claim ~~31~~~~[49]~~ wherein
 R₁ is chosen from lower alkyl, benzyl, substituted benzyl and substituted phenyl;
 R₂ is hydrogen or lower alkyl;
 R₂' is hydrogen;
 R₄ is R₁₆-alkylene-;
 R₇ is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro or methyl;
 R₅, R₆ and R₈ are hydrogen;
 R₁₆ is chosen from di(lower alkylamino), (lower alkyl)amino, amino, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolyl and morpholinyl.

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56. (Amended) A compound according to [any of] claims 50 or 51~~[32 to 45, 47, 48, 50, 51 and 53 to 55]~~ wherein the stereogenic center to which R₂ and R₂' are attached is of the R configuration.